

Appl. No. 09/900,280
Amdt. dated April 28, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 28, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, claims 1-3, 13-15, 24-32, and 34-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,484,159 (Mumick) in view of Colby et al., "Supporting Multiple View Maintenance Policies," (1997) (Colby).

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 4, 7, 8, 16-19, 33, and 43-50, as well as the indication that claims 41 and 42 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 41 and 42 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of each claim remaining unchanged.

Claims 1-3, 13-15, 24-32, and 34-40 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the submission of these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1673 (9917).

Respectfully submitted,



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